

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**LORI BUTTS**

**INITIAL APPEARANCE/ARRAIGNMENT  
AND PLEA MINUTES**

**CASE NUMBER 24-cr-124**

HONORABLE WILLIAM E. DUFFIN, presiding  
Deputy Clerk: Linda M. Zik  
Hearing Held: July 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Court Reporter: Liberty  
Hearing Began: 10:00 a.m.  
Hearing Ended: 10:07 a.m.

**Appearances:**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by: Carter Stewart  
Lori Butts, in person, and by: Nicole M. Masnica  
U.S. PROBATION OFFICE by: Amos Malone  
INTERPRETER: ☒ None ☐ Sworn

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☒ Original Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Speedy Trial Date: October 4, 2024  
Plea Deadline:  
Final Pretrial Report  
Final Pretrial Conf.: TO BE SET  
Jury Trial Date: TO BE SET  
Trial Length Estimate: 5 days

District Judge: JP Stadtmueller  
Bond Judge: William E. Duffin  
Magistrate Judge: Stephen C. Dries  
Motions Due: TO BE SET  
Responses Due: TO BE SET  
Replies Due: TO BE SET

- ☐ Defendant consents to proceed via video
- ☒ Defendant advised of rights
- ☐ Court orders counsel appointed
- ☒ Defendant advised of charges, penalties, and fines
- ☒ Copy of indictment received by defendant
  - ☒ Indictment read ☐ defendant waives reading
- ☒ Not guilty plea entered by: ☒ defendant ☐ the court
- ☒ Expanded discovery policy applies (*See Order below*)

Discovery available: early the week of August 5

- ☒ Government to disclose grand jury materials one day prior to trial
- ☐ Oral Motion for Complex Designation
  - ☐ Granted ☐ Denied
  - ☐ Referred to Stephen C. Dries
- ☐ Case designated complex
- ☒ **Counsel Only Tele. Scheduling Conference:**  
**July 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**before Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries**  
**669-254-5252; meeting ID 161 4125 0515;**  
**passcode 414014**

Maximum Penalties:

Counts 1-8: 10 years Imprisonment; \$250,000 Fine; 3 years Supervised Release; \$100.00 Special Assessment  
Counts 9-16: 20 years Imprisonment; \$250,000 Fine; 3 years Supervised Release; \$100.00 Special Assessment

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f), the court **ORDERS** that the government must produce all exculpatory information to the defendant(s) as required by *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny. Failure to comply with this order in a timely manner may result in sanctions, including exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges and contempt proceedings

**Bond Status:**

Parties have the Pretrial Services Report which recommends release on O/R bond.

GOVT requests a condition be added that defendant not be allowed to make a single non-legal transaction in excess of \$5,000.00.

DEFT asks that Pretrial Services be allowed to approve any transaction above \$5,000; defendant is in the process of selling her home; there is an escrow agreement with the government

COURT imposes this additional condition:

- Defendant to not spend more than \$5,000 in any one transaction subject to the discretion of Pretrial Services related to the sale of her home

☒ Defendant is released on: ☒ O/R bond